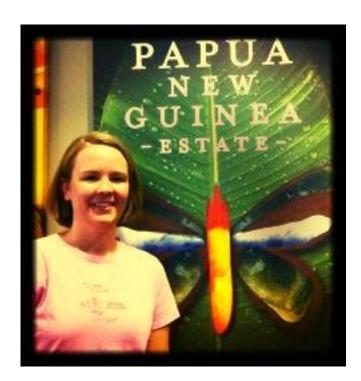


## July 2013 The Waiting Game- Is Over!!!

There is some great news to tell you regarding our coworker Rebecca Linsenbigler. She received her visa July 30th!!! We are so excited that she will be traveling with us. It is a relief to know that she won't have to reschedule tickets and incur that big expense. We are also looking forward to getting to know her more as we travel together. Thank you so much for all of you who were praying for the visa processing. It took a lot of phone calls and emails on both sides of the world, involving several people. It would be unfair to name a few and perhaps leave somebody out. God knows who they are! A special thanks to all who were involved!



## Our Bags are Packed, Almost...

It's been a hectic last couple of weeks. It involved several thousand miles driving and pulling a trailer. It was countless hours of packing,



## **Opportunities**

One of my favorite movies is **Miracle**, the story of the USA hockey team that won gold in the Olympics. From that movie

cleaning, and organizing. We left Stillwater, Oklahoma on the night of 24th of July at 9:30 PM and headed towards Indiana. It was a bittersweet time for us. While it was great to be moving one step closer back to PNG where we feel called to be, in some aspects it was sad. Saying goodbye to friends that we had met this year was extremely difficult. Especially when some of those friends were helping you pack to send you on your way. In some sense, we have left apart of ourselves behind, because of those special people we met. After arriving in Indiana it was time to unload the trailer again. Let's do the packing, cleaning, and organizing thing one more time, shall we? We worked through what we had to get ready to ship to PNG. We also put a couple of things in storage. I wish we could say we were totally packed and ready to get on the plane. However, that's not the case. I think though that in the next day or so we will be packed and ready to go. We are very much looking forward to the prospects the future holds for the Ap Ma people as we head back for this

next term.

there is a speech that Kurt Russell gives his players right before that gold medal game. A line that always seems to get me is, "Great moments come from great opportunities!" We are launching into another term in PNG. We have no idea what the future holds as far as what can be accomplished. There are so many things that are beyond our control. Yet this doesn't demoralize us, or get us down. We have learned from experience in the last 9 years in PNG that whether or not we plan it, God gets done what needs

down. We have learned from experience in the last 9 years in PNG that whether or not we plan it, God gets done what needs to be done. It may not be on our timetable, or in the way we want it done, but that's not up to us. The only thing we can do is put ourselves in the situation that gives us the opportunity. We will have no great moments to share, unless we put ourselves out there and make it possible.

You cannot have a great moment without first having the opportunity. That being understood, we will still be involved in the church. We are still going to be making progress in our building programs, such as the completion of the clinic and the literacy center. There are exciting possibilities with the addition of Rebecca that the education and literacy programs, that Karie has already been working on, will improve. We are still going to provide medical care and evacuations should they be necessary. Our motto has always been "United in Service with the Ap Ma People." What that means to us is working alongside, with the Ap Ma people, in God's service and plan. What the future holds we have no idea, but we will seek the opportunities so that God can show us the great moments.

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